

Select committee to discuss Ramli's appeal
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The 12-member parliamentary select committee on integrity will meet tomorrow to consider anti-corruption whistleblower Mohd Ramli Manan's appeal to be heard.

"I've received a letter from Ramli's lawyer requesting a hearing on the ground that the issue at hand is not subjudice to his suit", said committee member Lim Kit Siang when met today.

"I've asked the committee to review the matter tomorrow because a hearing should continue in view of some updates."

Lim said the issue of Sabah's 'Project IC', where it is alleged that the government issued identify cards to illegal immigrants as a way to swing votes, would also be discussed.

Last week, the bipartisan committee cancelled its plan for the second time to get details of alleged corrupt practice involving Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) director-general Zulkipli Mat Noor (right), based on a report written by Ramli (above).

Both times, the decision was due to the possibility of subjudice, since Ramli filed a suit on March 7 against the government and several relevant parties to claim back his pension and other compensation.

However, Ramli's lawyer wrote to committee chairperson Bernard Dompok last week, appealing the latest decision and pointing out that the hearing would not go into matters involved in the legal suit.

The committee had earlier said a hearing could also be prejudicial to the high-profile corruption case against former land and co-operative development minister Kasitah Gaddam, whom Ramli had investigated as head of Sabah ACA.

Zulkipli has denied the allegations, also stating that his appointment as head the ACA had been vetted and cleared.

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